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NOTE ON THE FLORIDA GOPHER FROG,

Rana aesopus.

In Stejneger & Barbour's Check-list of N. A. Amphib. & Reptiles, *Rana aesopus* Cope is listed as occurring only in Florida, viz: Type Locality: Miccanopy, Florida. Range: Florida.

In the writer's possession is an adult male, collected in May, 1919, by Chas. E. Snyder, near Pine-lands, Hampton Co., South Carolina, and it is quite likely that the species extends a good deal further north and east than even this locality. The specimen is in fine condition and not at all shy, taking mealworms, roaches and spiders and occasional earthworms from one's fingers, if not approached too suddenly. When the interior of the large glass jar in which it lives is sprinkled, and after this certain noises are made, like rustling paper, or water running from a tap, this frog "sings." The call resembles a loud snore similar to that of *Rana pipiens*, but much coarser and louder. During the calls, which are repeated about every two seconds and are of from three to five seconds' duration, the vocal vesicles over the arms are distended into hemispheres about the size of large hazelnuts.

The writer has also collected this species during its breeding season in February, near Jacksonville, Fla., in 1912.

The specimen mentioned here was caught in a cage-trap set among the sandhills to catch small rodents.

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